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Past, present prepare for Homecoming

Darin Beauchamp
Lance Gilchrist
Staff Writers

"Cherished Years and Souvenirs" is the theme for this year's Homecoming, and there will be numerous chances to relive those memories and make new ones during Homecoming weekend.

A golf tournament and class reunion, as well as many other special activities, are planned for alumni to enjoy. Special events are planned for the classes of 1936, '46, '56, '66, '71, '76 and '86.

"Alumni attendance has really increased since Homecoming was moved to the same weekend as Oktoberfest," Ron Plughoff, executive director of the Fort Hays State University Alumni Office, said.

The weekend starts at 11 a.m. Thursday with registration for a four-person scramble golf tournament. The tournament begins with a shotgun start at 1 p.m. at the Smoky Hills Country Club.

On Friday, alumni can register in Sunset Lounge, Memorial Union, from 8 a.m. to 5 p.m. While they register, alumni can read biographical sketches prepared by members of reunion classes of 1936, '46, '56, '66, '71, '76 and '86.

At 10:30 a.m. Friday morning the class of 1946 will be honored with a brunch in the Black and Gold room, Memorial Union. The members of the class will be inducted into the Half Century Club, which includes alumni who graduated at least 50 years ago and retired faculty.

Other special guests at the brunch include: the Class of 1936, who are gathering for the first-ever 60-year reunion at FHSU, members of the 1936 Central Intercollegiate Conference championship football team, and Phi Delta Chi fraternity alumni. Following brunch, the Class of 1946 will gather for lunch at the home of classmates, Norbert and Donna Jean Dreiling.

The Class of 1956 will enjoy a brunch on Saturday beginning at 10:30 a.m. in

the Trails Room, Memorial Union. The Honors Years reunions will be having a barbecue at 4:30 p.m. Saturday. This event is by reservation only. Call the Alumni Association for information and reservations at 628-4430.

In addition to class reunions, several departments and other groups will also hold reunions and open houses this weekend.

The Docking Institute of Public Affairs will host an open house in Picken 209 from 10-11 a.m. Friday. Heather Hall is also having an open house from 3-4 p.m. Saturday.

The Lewis Field Club will gather for breakfast at 8 a.m. Saturday in Stouffer Lounge, Memorial Union.

The nursing department will celebrate Homecoming with a brunch in Pioneer Lounge, Memorial Union, at 10 a.m. Saturday.

The Diversity Awareness Programs hosts the fourth annual ethnic minority reception in Stouffer Lounge, Memorial Union, Saturday from 3-5 p.m.

The Department of Information Network and Telecommunications is sponsoring a radio/tv/film reunion and open house in Heather Hall from 3-5 p.m. Saturday.

Current and former cheer squad members will gather outside Lewis Field Stadium at 5 p.m. Saturday.

Prior to the Tiger football game on Saturday, the Alumni Association is hosting a Tiger Family Picnic Under the Big Top beginning at 4:30 p.m. on the east side of Lewis Field Stadium. The Classes of 1936, '46, '56, '66, '71, '76 and '86 will enjoy special seating at the barbecue, which will feature music by the Fort Hays Jazz Quartet.

Immediately following the FHSU vs. Mesa State College football game, the Class of 1966 will celebrate at their favorite night spot, the Brass Rail. The basement is



Those vying for 1996 Homecoming Queen are Summer Smith, Hays sophomore; Melissa Nulty, Jewell senior; Shannon Tibbets, Derby junior; Brandi Welheim, Soldier junior; and Gretchen Bell, Shawnee junior, while those competing for King include Mike Rush, Eskridge sophomore; Kahn Powell, Pontiac, Mich. senior; and A.J. Boleski, Topeka sophomore. Not pictured Tom Moody, Shawnee Mission senior, and Travis Crites, St. Francis senior. The coronation will be during half-time of the FHSU/ Mesa State game Saturday.

reserved for members of the class, who will enjoy hors d'oeuvres and a cash bar.

The flood of alumni and visitors to Hays for reunions and Homecoming also makes this week perfect for attending other special events.

The Fort Hays State University Theatre will premier the musical comedy, "Li'l Abner," Friday at 8 p.m. The show will also be presented

Saturday at 3 p.m. and Sunday at 2 p.m. Tickets for "Li'l Abner" are available at the box office located in Malloy Hall from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m., or call 628-4225. Tickets are \$6 for students, \$7 for the public.

"Li'l Abner" is based on the cartoon by Al Capp. The play takes place in the town of Dogpatch, which has just been declared unnecessary and is about to be blown off the face

of the earth.

Stephen Shapiro, professor of communication, directs "Li'l Abner." "Li'l Abner" is the story of Daisy Mae trying to win the love of Li'l Abner," Shapiro said.

The Encore Series will continue on Thursday at 8 p.m. at The Beach/Schmidt Performing Arts Center with the presentation of "42nd Street." This Tony Award winning musical is

based on the 1933 Warner Brothers film starring Ruby Keeler, Dick Powell and Ginger Rodgers.

Tickets are \$22 reserved and \$17 unreserved for the general public; \$20 reserved and \$15 unreserved for senior citizens and those 18 and under and \$17 reserved and \$12 unreserved for FHSU students. Tickets are available at the Student Service Center located in Memorial Union.



Richard Peters, professor of business administration, Layne Shirk, Kennedy and Coe member, Larry Grimsley, Steve Jakubowski, professors of business administration, Julia Drake, business administration instructor, and Joan Rumpel, professor of business administration, show off a computer recently updated with funds from Kennedy and Coe, a Hays public accounting firm.

Firm helps to upgrade computers

Jennifer Burkhardt
Editor-in-Chief

Instructors and their students will be working closer to the same level thanks to money from Kennedy and Coe, a public accounting firm based in Hays.

With the firm's help, the accounting department was able to upgrade five faculty computers to match what students had access to in the labs.

About five years ago, Fort Hays State alum of Kennedy and Coe began making contributions in an endowment fund. Over that time, the money has grown to more than \$50 thousand, Larry Grimsley, assistant professor of business administration, said.

"The earnings at that point are first used for student scholarships. Once the scholarship requirements are met, then those funds become discretionary funds for the department of accounting."

The funds, however, are not just turned over to the department to use as they please.

"Kennedy and Coe oversees the whole thing," Grimsley said. "We used some of those funds to upgrade our machines — five machines to pentium type multimedia from typically 386 and 486 configurations — for only \$2600."

Layne Shirk, member with Kennedy and Coe, said, "the fund was started as a way to give back — the money was primarily contributed by FHSU alumnus — as a way to provide scholarships in the accounting department."

The new computers are a welcome relief to the accounting department.

"We don't have a real budget for faculty computers," Grimsley said. "As a result, we are trying to teach kids on computers when we don't have the same things they do in the labs — we had to go down and

compete for time in the labs."

Joan Rumpel, assistant professor of business administration, agreed the computers will aid in teaching. "I can now preview the software I want to use in my class without having to go down to the labs."

"It's not like we are a running some little machine anymore."

Grimsley said, "We now have modern enough machines so we can run the software we are trying to teach."

"The funding that we receive for equipment is almost non-existent for faculty. This has been real good for us."

"Kennedy and Coe expressed an interest in providing discretionary funds for professors to attend conferences and equipment purchases like this. It provides a better environment for us, which in turn will translate in a better environment for the students."

Hammond discusses issues in forum

Beth Norman
Staff Writer

It may have been cold outside, but in the Memorial Union black and gold room, things were really heating up Tuesday afternoon as University President, Edward Hammond met with faculty in an open forum.

The forum was called to discuss issues of concern to faculty.

Three primary issues were the establishment of a four-year degree; faculty salaries; and the chronic low-performance policy.

Hammond opened the meeting with the statement that FHSU had

achieved its goal of hiring enough full-time faculty to bring the student teacher ratio to 17 students to one teacher.

The current ratio, according to Hammond, is 16.2 to one.

He went on to link the issue of the student-teacher ratio to the desire for higher faculty salaries issue by stating that the university would approach the problem by "Using the same strategic initiative...that drove us on our other strategies to improve the compensation package for our unclassified staff."

Hammond went on to say that

he included faculty and nonfaculty under the term unclassified staff.

In their salary decisions, the regents look at several different "performance factors," Hammond said. Those factors are:

- What percentage of students are graduating in four years;

- What percentage of classes are taught by full-time tenured professors;

- Utilization of facilities. "The regents will put the resources where they feel the university is going," Hammond said.

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Hassett receives Teacher, Scholar, Inovator of the Year award for College of Business

Christy J. Briggs
Copy Editor

Michael Hassett, instructor of computer and information systems, was named the recipient of the Teacher/Scholar/Inovator of the Year award for the College of Business Sept. 23.

This is not the first time Hassett has been awarded one of these awards. Last spring, he received the Outstanding Mediated Classroom Teacher for the College of Business award.

"It was a surprise (receiving the awards), I didn't expect the first one and I definitely didn't expect the second one," Hassett said.

Hassett was chosen for this recent award because he "was the outstanding inovator, in terms of using the things that he does in class."

"And that really has to do with...Mike, easily for the last three

or four years, (he) has been in the forefront of using technology in the classroom, of being very concerned about learning in the classroom, has made a lot of effort to improve his teaching and to insure the students learn in the classes that he teaches," Rodolfo Arevalo, professor of sociology and social work, said.

Hassett teaches Introduction to Computer Information Systems. He has the students working on the computers—so that they can see their successes and mistakes—instead of just giving lectures on how they work and what to do.

Hassett says the course outline and all the assignments are on the campus-wide network, therefore the students have to go through the computer to get their assignments and handouts.

Hassett also encourages his students to e-mail him with any questions that they have about the course and the assignments.

The teachers who win these awards have to be nominated by another faculty member or by students. Then the specific college—college of business, arts and sciences, education and health and life sciences—have review committees that go through all of the nominations and decide who will receive them.

Of the two yearly awards, Hassett received one, the other is the Outstanding Advisor of the Year. This one comes towards the end of the year.

The committee will be asking for nominations from students about who they think the Advisor of the Year should be.

The monthly awards are divided into two categories. The first is for the fall semester. The criteria for these awards are that the faculty

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Oktoberfest, common sense should go hand-in-hand

Jennifer Burkhardt
Editor-in-Chief

Oh, the excitement, the fun, the anticipation.
I can hardly wait — my very first Oktoberfest.

It's almost like the anticipation I felt as a small child when I was told Santa wouldn't come until I was in bed asleep.

I have heard so many stories about the event, it's not even funny. The mayor tapping the first keg, the different organizations selling stuff, the list goes on and on. The one conclusion that I have been able to come to is — it is one big drunk-fest. Which is fun, but it also brings to mind safety and more importantly, acting responsibly.

Now, I am not trying to preach, I just want to offer some friendly advice. Drinking and irresponsibility tend to go hand in hand. And yes, I do know this from experience (Mom if you are reading this, disregard that last sentence).

Here are some hints to help you celebrate responsibly:

- Use common sense. I know when you're having fun, especially when you are drinking, it is not always easy to act sensibly. But try it anyway.
- Don't drink and drive. We have all taken enough health courses in our lives to know that drinking even one beer, no matter what your weight, will effect judgment tremendously. Besides, you don't just endanger your life, but the lives of those around you too.

• Walking is also a bad idea. If you decide to walk, you could be arrested for WUI (walking under the influence). Now this may seem stupid, but then again, you have to understand why it is a law.

Let me give you a scenario. Let's say a young individual goes to a party — where alcoholic beverages are being served. This person gets slightly inebriated (drunk) and rather than driving home, the individual walks, thinking all along, "I won't get a DUI and I can get my car tomorrow." Sounds pretty logical, right? Not really.

Even though walking home sounds like the safer option, you have to remember that drinking impairs your judgment and coordination. Therefore, walking can also be dangerous to you and those around you. For example, you could stumble and hurt yourself or you could wander out into the street, causing an accident.

• Get a designated driver, or be one. Observation can be just as fun as inebriation.

I have been a DD several times. It's fun and rewarding. I am responsible for my friends — seeing that they get home safely.

We also take turns. One night I'll be the DD, the next time we go out, someone else has a turn and so on. Besides, people get really stupid when they are drunk and it is very comical.

• Call a cab. While this option may require some cash, it is better than getting arrested. However, in Hays, there is a service called "The Ride." It offers free rides, Wednesday through Sunday, to those who have been drinking.

• If you are questioning whether or not to get crazy this Oktoberfest or even this year, ask yourself this, "If I do this now, will I be ashamed to tell my kids about it someday?"

So keeping that in mind, please be responsible, whatever you decide to do this Oktoberfest.

Absence policy needs revision

Laurie Bean
Columnist

Every now and again, as we travel along our paths of life, we stumble across a barrier.

This barrier could be real or even imagined. Either way, we stop for a moment to collect ourselves and look over our chosen path.

Earlier this week, I ran into a barrier that could have permanently altered my chosen road.

This was my barrier.

One of my instructors asked me to withdraw from a class based on my attendance.

Considering I am a financial aid recipient, I must complete 12 hours every semester. I am currently enrolled in 12 hours.

If I drop, I lose my aid money.



Add to that the fact that I am three hours further away from graduation.

I have probably tirelessly wore out the point that I am a single mother. However, that factor affects my attendance in classes.

Children get sick, period. I have absolutely no control over my son's health. Further, I must care for him while he is sick due to his day care's health policies.

I have spoken to other students, who are raising children as well, and others have also encountered this problem.

In fact, one student told me a situation she experienced. Her child had chicken pox during finals week. The student approached her instructor to ask if she could take the test at another time.

The instructor's response was that if this student could not take the test at the scheduled time, the instructor would fail the student.

The instructor also made the comment that if the student had

responsibilities at home, then she should not be taking the class.

By the way, the student later found out that the instructor dropped her final test grade — the instructor's policy was to drop each student's lowest test grade.

I am curious to know if any other students on this campus have experienced situations like these. If so, I would appreciate hearing from you.

As the founder of a new support group on campus, Parents Attending Secondary School, I am very concerned about policies and issues that affect student-parents.

Increasingly, in this day and age, students are parents. If the university's attendance policy does not allow for students to be excused when their children are ill, then the policy must be amended.

Yes, I have read the policy in the handbook, the class schedule and

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Campus voice

Lack of cheer squad coverage questioned

Dear Editor:

After picking up my copy of the 1996 Reveille yearbook, I was very discouraged to see that the FHSU Cheer Squad was not included in this edition. In every yearbook that I have ever seen, from junior high to college, at the very least, a picture of the cheer squad was included to give them recognition for what they do.

The FHSU Cheer Squad does a great deal. In addition to painting faces before games and leading the crowd in cheering for the Tigers, the squad also serves as the most visual representatives of Fort Hays State. The cheer squad appears at, and performs in, various university and community-sponsored events, including TailGate, pep-rallies and the Kansas Special Olympics.

In addition to the cheer squads traditional duties, the squad also competes on the national level. Last year the FHSU Cheer Squad competed at the National Cheerleading Association's Collegiate Nationals at Daytona Beach, Fla., placing in the top 20 in the nation. This year, the squad already qualified to go back, and they will.

The FHSU Cheer Squad receives very little recognition or respect. The respect that it does get comes from the other athletes, for enduring three hour practices, four days

off the mark

by Mark Parisi

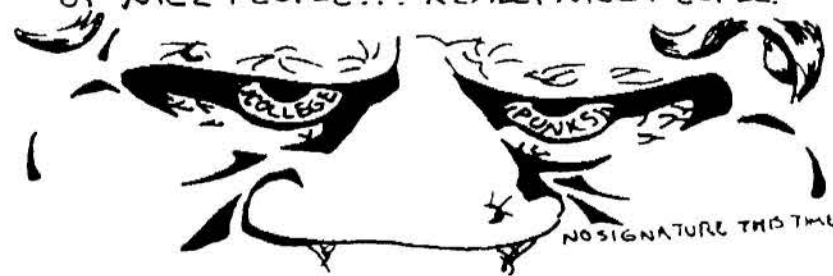


a week, from August to May. The recognition that the squad gets comes in the form of varsity letter jackets and to see their picture in the yearbook.

Now we don't even get that.

Andy Hurla
95-96 Cheer Squad captain

THE HAYS POLICE DEPARTMENT REALLY IS A BUNCH OF NICE PEOPLE... REALLY NICE PEOPLE.



Today's Question ...

What are you doing for Oktoberfest?



Christine Hamann
Russell senior

"Actually, I am going to be studying."



Eric Everhart
Bennington junior

"Probably just sit at home and make costumes for the Madrigal Dinner"

Chanda Hansen
Plainville junior

"Going to parties and doing a little studying."



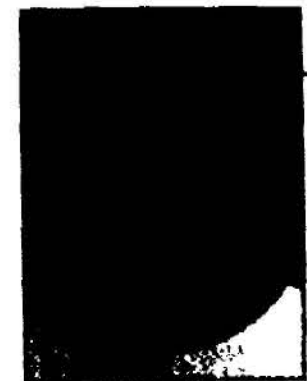
Craig Miller
Healy freshman

"Go to the park and have a good time"



Armando Orozco
Johnson junior

"Party, because it was my 21 birthday two weeks ago"



Janel Muller
Ness City sophomore

"Going to the park and partying with friends"



Financial Aid Appeals

Dr. Patrycja
Chair, Financial Aid Appeals Committee

Dear Editor:
Thank you for printing my letter in the October 3 issue of the University Leader. As promised, I will be in the outline in more detail about the university's and university's policy regarding this very important issue.

The University Financial Aid Appeals Committee is responsible for adopting an appropriate policy that meets federal regulations noted in my previous letter. Qualitative measurements must be used to evaluate student performance. The best qualitative measurement is obviously grade point average.

Generally, a 2.0 GPA is needed to remain eligible for federal aid. Most universities usually adopt a straight 2.0 GPA standard for all students. However, Fort Hays State has adopted a more lenient policy requiring a 2.0 GPA by graduation (124 credit hours). A student cannot be more than 1.8 grade points shy of a 2.0 GPA at any time. For example, if a student has 18 hours, the grade point average to achieve a 2.0 GPA are 180 (90 x 2.0 = 180). To remain clear of suspension status, the student must have more than 162 grade points, or a 1.8 (18 x 9 = 162; 162/90 = 1.8).

The quantitative measurement, often referred to as the "completion standard," is the percentage of the total number of hours attempted. Freshmen are required to complete 60 percent of their sophomore's 70 percent, juniors 75 percent, and seniors 80 percent. Grades of A, B, C and D are counted as completed, while grades of F, W, and WF are considered courses not completed. For example, if a junior has attempted 60 hours, the individual must complete at least 45 hours to meet the 75 percent junior requirement (60 x .75 = 45). A time-frame standard is also used to measure academic progress. Full-time students must complete an undergraduate degree in 10 semesters. Students with less than 12 hours are considered part-time and are allowed up to 20 semester to complete a degree.

In addition to the federally mandated standards described above, FHSU also has an "excessive withdrawal" criteria. Students who receive assistance at one level at the beginning of the semester, but drop below or fail to complete classes at that level during the semester, are reviewed for excessive withdrawal. For example, if a student originally enrolls and receives aid as a full-time student (12 or more hours), but drops down to half time (6 hours), this student would be suspended for excessively withdrawing. Many campuses use a similar standard to insure that student don't receive a full amount of aid and leave campus.

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Ben Folds Five, 12 Monkeys keepers

Mick Moss
Music Reviewer

I first heard of the Ben Folds Five from my friend Ryan who had seen them at the Bottle Neck in Lawrence. He said they were excellent and had a unique sound.

Four months later, I noticed them at the Hays Musicland and decided to give them a try. At first, unique was about all I could call the Ben Folds Five — the band consists of one bass guitar, drums and a baby grand piano. However, I quickly got sucked into what I call "piano rock."

Later, I saw them live at Lollapalooza and from then on, the Ben Folds Five has been one of my favorite bands.

They hail from Chapel Hill, N.C. and despite their name "five," they are a three-man band. Their first self-titled album was released in 1995 and shortly after that, they had their first video, "Uncle Walter," on MTV.

Ben Folds Five's music is anything but the regular nice and sweet music you might associate a piano with. Ben (the piano player and lead singer) pounds away on his baby grand, banishing a steady rock beat. It is more like a happy-go-lucky beat.

Along with the piano is a catchy bass beat and solid drums. I think it's the way the band blends together that

makes it sound so good. No one sticks out or overpowers the others. Ben Folds Five's lyrics are simple, yet very catchy with a little humor in them.

You would have to see them live to fully appreciate them. One word to describe Ben is "performer." He is literally all over the piano — sending crashes with his fists, elbows and even his feet. He winks, smiles and laughs, all to get you into the Ben Folds Five spirit, and he can fly on a piano.

My favorite part of the performance was at the very end of the last song. Ben carries his chair offstage and throws it at his piano for the final chord crash.

Ben Folds Five is definitely an acquired taste. It is something new and interesting on the rock scene that you can't help but like.

Leader rating: 7 (10 after seeing them live).



In the
SPOTLIGHT

Ella Stiemers
Features Editor

In an attempt to break my new VCR in, I rented some movies last weekend.

One of the films was "12 Monkeys," starring Bruce Willis, Madeleine Stowe and Brad Pitt.

This movie was quite interesting. I enjoyed watching it and so did my friends. I hope.

The movie begins in the future, the year 2035. All of the people of this time period are forced to live underground, due to a deadly disease.

According to the movie, five billion people were killed between the years 1996-1997 from the disease.

The scientists of 2035 believe the disease was distributed by the Army of the 12 Monkeys.

The scientists decide to send James Cole (Willis) into the past to stop the disease from being spread.

Cole is sent too far into the past the first time, the year 1990. Here, he meets Dr. Kathryn Ralley (Stowe), a psychiatrist who suggests Cole to be admitted into a mental health facility.

At the mental hospital, Cole meets Jeffrey Goings (Pitt) and shares the story of the deadly disease.

Cole is then brought back into the future. The scientists decide to send him into the past again, but this time to 1996.

Here is where events happen very quickly. There is a lot of irony in the end of this film — irony that you should see for yourself.

This movie was way out in left field, but I enjoyed it a lot. The way we were absorbed into the actions of the characters and how we were involved with the plot really impressed me.

We were constantly debating over what was going to happen next. The movie was very intense.

I definitely recommend this film to anyone who is open-minded. You have to pay attention to details to catch all of the irony and all of the facts.

Area bands to help with Homecoming festivities

Seventeen area high school bands will march with the Fort Hays State band Saturday in the FHSU Homecoming parade at 1 p.m.

Before the FHSU vs. Mesa State College Homecoming football game, which kicks off at 7 p.m., 12 bands will perform with the FHSU band.

"The 480 junior high and high school students and the FHSU Marching Band will perform songs such as "Olympic Spirit" by John Williams, a song from the movie, "Apollo 13," the "Star-Spangled Banner" and the FHSU fight song. The FHSU Marching Band will perform during halftime.

The following bands and their directors will participate. GREAT BEND: Great bend High School, Ron Mink, parade.

HAYS: Felton Middle School, Earl Blauer, parade; Hays High School, Craig Manteuffel, parade and mass band; Kennedy Middle School, Marcus Bishop, parade; Thomas More Prep-Marian High School, Brad Dawson, parade.

HOISINGTON: Hoisington Middle School, Randy

Sauer, parade and mass band.

JOHNSON: Stanton County Middle and High Schools, Brian Tichter, parade and mass band.

LOGAN: Logan High School, Tamara Cochran, parade and mass band.

MCCRACKEN: McCracken Middle School, Arlene Gilbert, parade.

NORWICH: Norwich High School, Cheryl McClaren, parade and mass band.

RUSSELL: Russell High School and Ruppenthal Middle School, Steve Lueth, parade.

SEDGWICK: Sedgwick Public Schools, Michelle Postier, parade and mass band.

STOCKTON: Stockton Junior High School, Connie Reishus, parade and mass band.

QUINTER: Quinter Senior and Junior High Bands, Emily Yantz, parade and mass band.

VICTORIA: Victoria High School, Mark Compain, mass band.

WAKEENEY: Wakeeney Junior High School, Darrin Tams, mass band.

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Also on the agenda was the issue of a guaranteed four-year degree program. Which would give the student criteria by which they could get a degree in four years. According to Hammond, FHSU would be the first university in the state of Kansas to implement such a program.

The final issue discussed was the chronic low performance

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member use creative and innovative ways in designing their curriculum and that they redesign their course to be received better by the students, Arevalo said.

The second category is for the spring semester. The recipients of these awards have to be "outstanding faculty who use technology in their teaching," Arevalo said.

The recipients of both the monthly

awards and the two yearly awards receive an excellence pin and \$300.

"They all get a little pin—it's an excellence pin. Only faculty that are designated as such (as recipients of one of these awards) will ever wear one of these," Arevalo said.

The funds for these awards come from donations from Commerce Bank, funds from the individual colleges and the rest comes from the Provost office

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the class outlines provided by my instructors.

However, the policy in the handbook is disturbingly vague. It becomes even more vague when each instructor has a separate policy.

The current policy seems to allow instructors to lower grades or insinuate failure if a student must be absent to tend to a child.

The policy, I believe, should include a statement that all instructors must excuse students who need to care for ill children

— Facts, from page 2 —

The 1996-97 Financial Aid Appeals Committee members are currently being assigned. Two students will be serving on the committee. This has been a standard procedure for many years. Student representation is a very important component of the policy making and appeal process.

Included, the policy should allow students to make up classwork if they have been excused.

A student who is ill can choose to stay home and recuperate or attend class while sick.

A parent, often times, does not have that option. A parent must care for an ailing child.

As increasing numbers of students on this campus enroll as parents, the policies must accommodate these students so as not to discriminate

The university Satisfactory Academic Policy is subject to change as new and revised federal regulations are imposed. In fact, recent changes in federal regulation will require revisions to the existing policy described above in the areas of how transfer credit, graduate work and GPA are viewed.

Miss Anna
Associated Press

ARIES

(March 21-April 20)
Creative opportunities during the week may be just the opening you need in order to explore a career-related idea you have been toying with for some time now. Give your mind and nerves a rest, you will need to be 100% on the homefront. Romance is highlighted at night.

TAURUS

(April 21-May 21)
You seem to be overly concerned with your financial base. You and a mate haggle over joint funds and finally agree on a better approach to handling your money. Relationships with co-workers are positive and beneficial. Someone will do you a big favor soon.

GEMINI

(May 22-June 21)
A powerful mutual attraction may arise between you and someone you meet during the week. The other person will take the lead in

bolstering the relationship. Your emotions are downbeat, and probably affecting your work or health—make sure to conserve your energies.

CANCER

(June 22-July 23)
Be skeptical of promises given to you by a close friend or business partner. Your financial prospects are slowly improving. Be extra cautious in dealing with other people's money. The key is to focus on positive emotions and diffuse tensions as they arise.

LEO

(July 24-August 23)
Although you may be in the mood to have things your own way, it's not a good time to insist on that. Back off with your loved ones, they are no doubt distressed by your efforts. You seem to be busier than ever with friends and neighbors chattering away with invitations.

VIRGO

(August 24-September 23)
You have a lot of personal

and family obligations this week. Despite all this commotion, you feel surprisingly calm and more serene than usual. Old emotional issues now make sense and you are free to deal with them and then let them go and get on with your life.

LIBRA

(September 24-October 23)
The week begins confusingly and doesn't seem to improve much at all. Money news may be off at best and cooperation is definitely lacking. Try to bypass any form of speculation. Dreams of traveling are a pleasant diversion from the day's grind. What are you waiting for?

SCORPIO

(October 24-November 23)
You are feeling a little burdened. Your family responsibilities are weighing and stable people in your life naturally tend to burden you, maybe it's time to be a little selfish and work on your own interests. It's up to you to decide how much you will

give to those around you.

SAGITTARIUS

(November 24-December 23)
Being ambivalent about a home problem will not help matters at all. This could be one of those matters that must be approached head on. Those around you may be somewhat touchy, so take that into account when dealing with all. Realign your priorities—the future is bright.

CAPRICORN

(December 22-January 21)
Follow through on a project that is money, family or property related. This could have potential and the immediate benefit is distractions at work have a negative effect on your concentration. You are concerned with a like-minded individual who wants to help.

AQUARIUS

(January 21-February 19)
Working harder than ever.

it seems as if every task requires twice the time and effort to finish. You may be a little rundown and that is why everything seems to be such a big chore. Start taking better care of yourself, and your outlook will be much brighter.

PISCES

(February 20-March 20)
A financial matter requires your attention. Old debts must be cleared away as soon as possible—it will take some effort to get your cash flow situation to a comfortable point. You are busier than usual and have less time for fun and games. A new lover is patiently waiting.

IF THIS WEEK IS YOUR BIRTHDAY:

Being naturally detail-minded, you tend to have few money troubles. This is your conservative and sensible side that comes out when handling financial matters. Try not to be picky and judgemental with potential partners, remember there is no such thing as perfect.

Campus

Hibbard to receive highest FFA degree

Sara Hibbard, Harper sophomore, has been nominated to receive the American FFA Degree, the highest degree awarded by the National FFA Organization.

This honor recognizes demonstrated leadership abilities and outstanding achievements in agricultural business, production, processing and service programs. Hibbard will be one of the 1,517 members receiving the degree at the 69th National FFA Convention in Kansas City, Mo., Nov. 14-16.

Only one in 300 of the 432,629 FFA members have advanced through chapter and state FFA degrees to earn this national degree. Hibbard, daughter of Vernon and Elizabeth Hibbard, is majoring in Animal Science at Fort Hays State.

Oktoberfest products to be monitored

The Fort Hays State University Office of University Relations reminds groups planning to raise funds at Homecoming or Oktoberfest that products bearing university identifiers are subject to seizure and/or a fine. To protect the interests of FHSU and vendors participating in the licensing program, a representative of LRG, FHSU's licensing company, will monitor sales of FHSU sportswear and other products bearing FHSU identifiers during Oktoberfest and Homecoming.

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For more information, contact Mary Ridgway, university graphic designer, at 628-4521.

Interview dates announced

The following dates will be available Tuesday for the following companies:

- Nash Finch Company, Oct. 8
- Servi-Tech, Inc., Oct. 10
- Bimey & Company, Oct. 10
- DEKALB Swine Breeders, Oct. 11

For more information, contact the Career Services Center, Sheridan 214.

Open swim added to pool hours

Cunningham pool hours have been increased to the following schedule:

- Monday - Friday: 12:30 p.m. to 1:20 p.m.
- Monday - Thursday: 4:30 p.m. to 6:50 p.m.
- Friday: 4:30 p.m. to 5:30 p.m.
- Saturday & Sunday: 1 p.m. to 3:20 p.m.

The hours will take effect Oct. 7.

Meetings scheduled

• Psi Chi will have a meeting on Monday, Oct. 7 at 6 p.m. in West 304. Food will be provided. For more information, contact Tom at 625-2106.

• The Data Information Systems and Communication Club (DISC) will meet Oct. 8 at 7 p.m. in the Memorial Union Trails Room. New members are welcome.

HALO to sponsor pifatas

The Hispanic American Leadership Organization will have pifatas at Lewis Field Stadium prior to Saturday's Homecoming game. It will begin at 5:30 p.m. and is free to the public.

Labs announce Oktoberfest hours

• Computing and Telecommunication Center lab hours for the Oktoberfest day are 8 a.m. to noon. The lab will not be open in the afternoon. It will resume regular hours for the rest of the weekend — Saturday noon to 6 p.m. and Sunday 1 p.m. to 11 p.m.

• The Forsyth Library has changed its hours for the Oktoberfest/Homecoming weekend. The new hours are — Friday, 10 a.m. to 2 p.m., Saturday, 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. and Sunday, 1 p.m. to 11 p.m. It will resume regular hours on Monday.

Young Democrats to host reception

The Young Democrats will host a reception for Jill Docking Oct. 5 from 11 a.m. to noon at the Ellis County Democratic Headquarters, 705 Main. There will also be a breakfast for Docking at 9 a.m. Saturday at the St. Mary's Activity Center.

Therapy groups to meet

• A women's therapy group for those who are interested in identifying and understanding difficulties in their relationships with themselves and others. Issues discussed may include self-esteem, assertiveness, relationships with other women, relationships with men, expression of anger, achievement anxiety and feelings of depression. The focus will be on developing skills for improving the quality of their interactions with others and feelings about themselves.

Meetings will begin Oct. 16 and run through Dec. 11, 3:30 p.m. to 5 p.m. at the Kelly Center, 308 Pickett. The group will be led by Brian Williams, MEd and Sylvia Termino. Call 628-4401 to secure pre-approval for the group.

• A group of students who are interested in identifying and understanding difficulties in their relationships with themselves and others. Issues discussed may include self-esteem, assertiveness, relationships with other women, relationships with men, expression of anger, achievement anxiety and feelings of depression. The focus will be on developing skills for improving the quality of their interactions with others and feelings about themselves.

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Alumni receive Achievement Awards, Young Alumni Awards

Tiffani Motley
Staff Writer

"Universities are inevitably judged by their alumni," Ron Pflughoft, director of the alumni association, said. "The achievements of our Alumni Award recipients help ensure the high reputation of our university. At the same time, those achievements set high standards for the aspiration and goals of Fort Hays State and its students."

"This occasion is a time for reaffirming the traditions of the university and the services that are so important."

Recipient, Ron Johnson, director of Student Publication, Inc., news advisor to the Kansas State Collegian Newspaper and assistant professor in A.W. Miller School of Journalism and Mass Communication at Kansas State University, "feels proud and excited to receive the Young Alumni Award."

Receiving the award is an accomplishment for Johnson.

The Young Alumni Award recognizes outstanding achievements and recent accomplishments of those who graduated between 10 and 15 years ago.

The award is based upon professional and educational achievement, community activities, honors and awards received and other items of merit since graduation.

Johnson is originally from Lebanon. Johnson started out at FHSU as a student and also worked for the Leader and the Reveille. Johnson later became a director of journalism and the advisor to the students working on the Leader.

Johnson says coming back to Hays is really important to him. He misses his friends and also wants to get across to students that, in order to do journalism, you have to have your fundamentals down, communication

skills and experience.

He also feels that working for the Leader is a great opportunity.

Other recipients for the Young Alumni Award are Cynthia S. Akagi, educator, author and consultant at Akagi Educational Resources; Mark Bannister, executive assistant to the president and director of the Docking Institute of Public Affairs at FHSU; Dr. James F. Cox, research associate, cardiovascular, physiology group and NASA project manager at the Medical College of Virginia; and Galen Pfeifer, accountant partner in Adams, Brown, Beran and Ball, Certified Public Accountants.

Alumni Achievement Award recipients include Sharon J. Daniels, executive director of the Eastern Mineral Law Foundation, member of the Oklahoma and Pennsylvania bar associations, American Society of Association Executives and many more; Ray C. Newton, director of the Arizona Hospitality Research & Resource Center at Northern Arizona University; C. Ray Smith, former chief of the Branch of Agriculture, Division of Water and Land in the Bureau of Indian Affairs; Dale A. Schields, president and special events coordinator of the Sherman County Country Club, human resource director at Goodland Regional Medical Center, District Five director of the Kansas Hospital Human Resources Association and president of the Goodland Kiwanis Club; and Leslie Paige, nationally certified school psychologist and 1996 National School Psychologist of the Year.

"Events like this clearly remind us that the presence of the university can be found, not only in Hays, Kansas, but also throughout our state, nation and world," Pflughoft said. "The greater Fort Hays State live in the lives of its alumni."



C. Ray Smith



Cynthia Akagi



Dale Schields



Galen Pfeifer



James Cox



Leslie Paige



Mark Bannister



Ray Newton



Ron Johnson



Sharon Daniels

Seven FHSU graduates to display art in Moss-Thorns Gallery of Art

Johnny Coomansingh
Staff Writer

Seven Fort Hays State alumni will display their art in the Moss-Thorns Gallery of Art, 102 Rarick Hall, from Oct. 4 through Oct. 25.

This year's artists are Harry C. Banks Jr., Stan Detrixhe, and Linda Faw Light, of Hays; Phillip Robl, Wichita; Gil Goldsberry, Portland, Ore.; Edna Giebler, Austin, Texas and Shingo Osaki, Tokyo.

These artists have all participated in the "Rancho Linda Vista Scholarship" program.

The RLVS was established in 1983 as a memorial to Eugene "Skip" Harwick by his close friends, James Davis and Bruce McGrew of Arizona.

Harwick was a professor of art at FHSU from 1965 until his death in 1981.

McGrew and Davis felt it would be a fitting tribute to their friend to establish a scholarship for a graduate student to live and work on the ranch (Rancho Linda Vista). Every two years, graduate art students are invited to apply for this opportunity.

According to Kathleen Kuchar, professor of art, a committee at FHSU screens the applicants and forwards two or three sets of slides to Oracle, Ariz., where Davis and McGrew make the final selection.

The winning student is invited to stay at the ranch and have access to a house and studio rent-free for approximately four to six weeks, plus a \$500 stipend.

The ranch, which began in 1968 was originally a dude ranch. It is now a community of residents whose life is centered around the practice of the arts.

Kuchar said that all of the alumni who are exhibiting were taught by Harwick. She said she was also taught by him.

"This is the first time that we've had a show from students who participated in the scholarship program."

"Skip" was the main teacher of painting here, and it goes without saying that he influenced many lives," Kuchar said.

"A lot of time has passed since I drove down to Arizona for the six weeks at the ranch. What stands out to me now is what a privilege it was to work for a period of time without distractions. Now, of course, life is more complicated and less and less time is available for artistic interests," Goldsberry, who received his award in 1983, said.

Goldsberry works full-time at a job unrelated to the world of art. He

continues to keep a studio, but finds it hard to get into it as much as he would like.

1985 was Detrixhe's year to stay at the ranch.

"The benefits are more like a pension. Anytime I want, I can revisit in my mind all the wonderful people I met there. These are the people who live, breathe and eat art," Detrixhe said. Detrixhe is currently operating his own stained glass studio. The works on display are more personal paintings he has created over the last three years.

Robl, who visited the ranch in 1989, is an instructor and two-dimensional coordinator at the Wichita Center for the Arts. His work is represented by the Evo Gallery in Wichita and the Anderson O'Brien Gallery in Omaha, Neb. "During my visit, I developed many symbols that I still use in my work. Since these symbols are directly related to the ranch, I am often reminded of the ranch and how I valued the time I spent there," Robl said.

Faw Light, the award recipient for 1992, recalled the spring she spent in Oracle. She said it was the most memorable spring, one that she will cherish forever.

For the last two years, Faw Light has been an interim teacher at FHSU. She has also been involved in conducting art workshops around the country and painting in her studio.

"Just being in the desert when everything was in bloom was energizing. It was a unique experience of living and being part of the Rancho Linda Vista art community. I long to go back," Faw Light said.

Community, students volunteer for Compeer

Stephanie Hanna
Staff Writer

A volunteer is sometimes a unique commodity. However, on the campus of Fort Hays State, there are at least twenty volunteers who volunteer for a program called Compeer.

Compeer is a program for volunteers and mental health clients. The basis for the program is friendship. The volunteers spend one hour a week with their Compeer friend on a one-to-one basis.

To be a volunteer, applicants must be at least 18 years or older. They must complete an application and have three background checks done on them. The background checks are just to insure that the volunteers do not have shady pasts.

Volunteers are matched with clients of the same gender and with interests in the same areas of life. The volunteers become friends with the clients. The clients can confide in the volunteers and through their Compeer friends, the clients are able to get more involved with their communities.

Each week the Compeers do activities together such as playing basketball, walking, watching a movie, talking, going out for ice cream and any other activity the two comrades enjoy.

Currently, the oldest volunteer is 86-years-old and the youngest is 19. They range in age, origin, gender and race. Anyone who is a friend can become a Compeer.

The program was started in Hays in 1989 by Dr. Warren Shaffer. The branch in Hays is part of a national program.

Compeer also sponsors monthly activities for the clients and the volunteers. These activities are usually on the last Tuesday of each month. Volunteers can attend these functions, even if they don't have a companion yet.

Shonna Werth, Compeer coordinator, and Sarah Jacobs, assistant Compeer director, work hard to match the personalities and interests of the clients and the volunteers. This insures that the two who are matched will have activities they can do together and that they will get along.

"It makes me feel good to get these people, who want to be in the community so badly, to get matched with a volunteer," Jacobs said.

Compeer has a lot of female volunteers, but they have a severe shortage of male volunteers—male clients often have to wait on the list for a long time before they are matched.

Also, clients and volunteers are matched by interests, not by a first-come, first-serve basis.

Werth and Jacobs would encourage anyone who is interested, especially males, to apply to be a Compeer.

Any person can apply, not just a psychology major or a sociology major.

Courtney Paulsen, Phillipsburg sophomore and Compeer volunteer, became involved in two ways. Her sister, also a Compeer companion, encouraged Paulsen to become a Compeer.

Paulsen was on the waiting list to match up with a client before she finally was placed with Jill. The two get along well, and although they have only been matched for three weeks, a strong bond of friendship has formed. Paulsen and Jill average

about one-and-a-half hours together a week.

"It's very rewarding. It's also cool because they're really special people," Chrissy Wolf, Hays sophomore and Compeer volunteer, said.

Wolf has been with her companion since January. Wolf says that there is mutual respect between the volunteers and the clients.

The clients like the program because it gets them more involved in doing activities.

Jill, a Compeer client, stated that she liked the program because it's "time set aside for you with your friend. They can help you with your problems."

"I feel like it's a good idea. It's a good program. I feel like I've benefitted from it," Jason, another client, said.



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FHSU to host "Li'l Abner" in Felten-Start Theater

Students perform in musical to have fun, meet people

Stephanie Hanna
Staff Writer

Coming soon to Felten-Start Theater is the Fort Hays State production of "Li'l Abner."

The musical is directed by Dr. Stephen Shapiro, professor of communication.

Professor Bruce Bardwell, assistant professor of communication, designed the set.

Tommie Williams, instructor of communication, designed the costumes.

Rager Moore, assistant professor of music, is in charge of both the instrumental and vocal music.

Jimmy Godfrey, Salina freshman, is the choreographer for the show.

The tryouts for the show were early in the semester.

The performers, directors and crew had five weeks to prepare for the show.

The practices were three hours a night, five nights a week. Those who sing rehearsed in the afternoons in the beginning.

In the cast are 48 performers, with some walk-ons.

"It's a lot of fun because you get to be someone else, a character who's different from you," Charissa Burgess, McPherson junior playing Carmen, the first wife, said.

"Our leads [in the show] are terrific. They did an excellent job of casting," Heather Smith, Weskan senior playing a Dogpatch—the town where "Li'l Abner" is set—citizen, said.

Every character in the show is important. There are many wives, husbands, citizens of Dogpatch and the like.



The cast of "Li'l Abner" stands together in a dramatic scene of the musical in Felten-Start Theater Tuesday night. "Li'l Abner" opens tomorrow night. Tickets are still available.

Those who have the main roles are Loren Campbell, Dighton freshman, as Li'l Abner; Kristy Cuthbertson, Norton sophomore, as Daisy Mae; Andrea Schumacher, Hays freshman, as Mammy Yokum; Mike Doll, Great Bend senior, as Pappy Yokum.

During the weekend of Oktoberfest, there are three performances.

On Friday, Oct. 4, the performance is at 8 p.m.

On Saturday, Oct. 5, the performance is at 3 p.m., between the parade and the game, so everyone can attend.

On Sunday, Oct. 6, the

performance is a matinee starting at 2 p.m.

For the following weekend, the performances are Friday, Oct. 11 at 8 p.m., Saturday, Oct. 11 at 8 p.m., and Sunday, Oct. 13 at 2 p.m.

Many people try out for the plays in order to try new things or meet people.

Campbell agrees with this. "I initially tried out because I thought it would be a good experience and I could meet new people."

The cast and crew of "Li'l Abner" have been working hard to put this performance on.

The performers are a wide variety

of ages.

They range from fifth and sixth graders to college students, to graduate students, to members of the Hays community.

According to Bardwell, the set crew has been working for five weeks to put the set together, and "seven days a week for the last four (weeks)."

A lot of time and talent goes into a production such as this.

"You really do become a family for the rehearsals and performances," Shapiro said.

"It's going great. Everyone's got their lines down really well," Campbell said.

"It helps things move smoothly when the cast works well together, as this one does," Campbell said.

"Everyone is working pretty well together," Burgess said.

"The reason I like this musical," Smith said, "is because everybody in it is having fun all the time."

After each performance, the entire cast will meet in the vocal room, Malloy 115. Anyone can go in and meet or greet the cast. Shapiro and the cast encourages everyone to stop by and see them.

"If you enjoy a comical production," Campbell said, "Li'l Abner" is for you."

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RHA represents student interests, organizes activities

Kari Nuzum
Staff Writer

The Residence Hall Association is a student organization that represents all the residence halls on campus and their interests.

"We've had a great year so far and I look for a better year in the future," Dennis Henry, Wellington junior and president of RHA, said.

Henry said that RHA sponsored the summer finale (TailGreat), along with the University Activities Board, and it was very successful.

Henry said this is his third year in RHA and his first year as president; the majority of members (about 75 percent) are new this year.

"New members are good, they like to bring in fresh ideas, to be active and participate," Henry said.

Henry said that RHA consists of a national communications coordinator; an executive council which has a president, vice-president, secretary-treasurer and at-large members; and representatives from each hall (McMindes, Weist, Agnew, McGrath and Custer). The number of representatives from each hall depends on the number of residents it has.

Henry said they have meetings every other week on Wednesdays at 9 p.m. The next meeting is Oct. 9. The meetings follow parliamentary procedure, going over old business first, then addressing new issues.

"We like to get ideas from people in the association as to what they'd like to do to raise money or just have a good time."

"There are several things they plan on doing in the current school year," Henry said.

They do the endowment contest, which is a competition between all residence halls, where residents are given a chance to decorate their rooms and compete for cash prizes.

Henry said that RHA also plans to have a haunted house and they're hoping to have it in the Memorial Union. It is usually in one of the residence halls.

Each year the RHA has residents volunteer to help with the haunted house, which is open to everyone.

Admission is one can of food. All food is donated to the community center.

They will have the slimy pig (a party to relieve the tension before finals) again this year, in conjunction with Custer's end of the year bash.

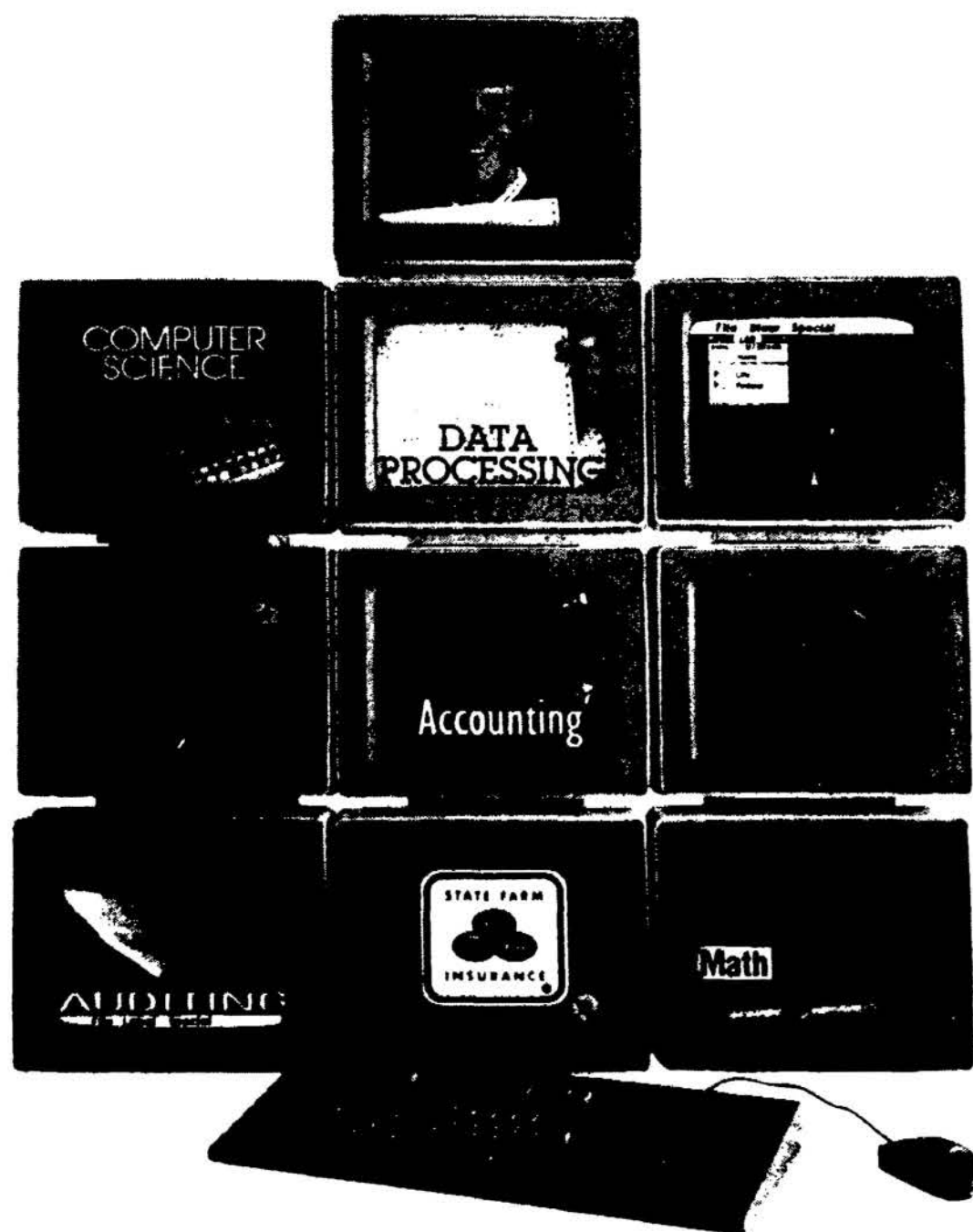
"It's a good time before finals start."

"RHA's goals are to bring the halls together more collectively. We want to make the residents' stay here as enjoyable as possible," Henry said.

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Toilet Ten, Week 5 —

Not Yets
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Staff Writer

It's week five and competition for Toilet Ten supremacy continues. There are four contenders with perfect records left, while the rest are just pretenders. Sadly, the Gi-aunts of the Meadowlands have been slumping lately, winning two games in a row to knock them out of serious contention. But don't fret all you Joisey fans, the Not Yets continue their domination of the TT polls.

1. **New Joisey Not Yets:** They had the second highest number of turnovers in the NFL, coming into their game with the Washington Redskins and almost blew their reputation by giving up only one turnover. Fortunately, the one they gave up perhaps cost them the game. Thus, the Not Yets remain winless and clearly, the team to beat for the TT title.

2. **Nawlins Aints:** This team is so bad, they bungle even the routine play...like a fourth-and-one quarterback sneak by Jim Everett that left the Aints inches short of possibly forcing the game into overtime. As far as Aints fans are concerned, the rest of the season is about fourth down and a bayou mile. Rumor has it grocery stores in Nawlins are stocking up on paper bags for the mid-season rush.

3. **Tampa by the Bay Yuka-neers:** Not even the 90 degree heat at Tampa Stadium could deter the Yuka from maintaining their lock on the number three spot in the TT polls. Seems the best receiver for the Yuka on Sunday was the Dee-troit defense, which returned three interceptions for 104 yards and one touchdown.

"Today we were moving right along and then bam," Yuka receiver, Alvin Harper, said. "We keep shooting ourselves in the foot."

Perhaps an assisted suicide of the Yuka offense is not out of the question. Wonder if Dr. Kevorkian has any plans this weekend?

4. **Atlanta Fal-cants:** Yes sir, the Fal-cants may have solved their quarterback problems this past weekend. All backup QB, Bobby Hebert, did was throw three interceptions and lose a fumble. But, sadly for Fal-cant fans, there were no sideline altercations this week...perhaps the only thing that has proven the Fal-cants have any life at all.

5. **Oakland Traders:** Defensive end, Anthony Smith, decided to sit out the trip to Chicago with his teammates on Saturday and later confirmed through his lawyer, Zachary Jones, that he had quit the team. Too bad the rest of the Traders squad didn't have the same idea. The one guy who is glad he is not a Trader anymore (besides Smith) is Jeff Jaeger, former kicker for the Silver and Black. Jaeger booted four field goals to beat his former team, thus keeping the motto "just love bay-bee," alive and well in the other city by the bay.

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Fort Hays State ready for challenge

Marc Menard
Staff Writer

There is no way to convince Fort Hays State football coach, Bob Cortese, that every game is not important. This week's Homecoming game with Mesa State looms very large as the Tigers, after having last week off, hope to get back on track after the upset loss to Fort Lewis on Sept. 21.

"It's an important game for both teams," Cortese said. "We're 0-1 in the RMAC and they're 1-1. If we're going to have an opportunity to win the RMAC, we can't afford to lose another game at home."

The Mavericks will come into this week's contest at Lewis Field Stadium as a formidable opponent for the Tigers, despite their deceiving 1-3 overall record. The Mavericks have suffered losses to nationally ranked Northern Colorado and Central Oklahoma, as well as Chadron State. Mesa finally got into the win column last Saturday with a 24-21 upset victory against previously unbeaten Adams State, which had been ranked 17th.

"They have losses to three pretty good football teams and then beat a ranked team. We'll have to play well to beat them," Cortese said.

The Mavericks will feature a balanced offense similar to the Tigers, with senior quarterback, Matt Imel, currently ranked fifth in the RMAC in passing. The Tigers will also have to be concerned with Imel's favorite target, senior receiver, Jason Derryberry, who averages 20.5 yards per catch.



Tiger sophomore defensive end Travis Jenkins and defensive lineman Jeremy Hawks take to the air to block a pass from a Fort Lewis Skyhawk quarterback.

Although the Mavericks rank last or nearly last in almost every team category in the RMAC, Cortese remains concerned on finding ways to stop them at home this weekend.

"Physically the two teams are about the same size," Cortese said. "They have a great quarterback and receiver. They also have a big fullback and we will need to find a way to slow them down. It's not easy to do when you're trying to stop them up the middle, stop the option on the perimeter and stop the pass. We need to control those three things."

Another concern for Cortese is the hype that normally goes with Homecoming week. Cortese hopes his Tigers stay focused for the game, especially considering that Mesa may have the revenge factor coming into this year's game after getting blown out by the Tigers 62-13 a year ago at Lewis Field.

"I hope we can stay focused and not get tied up in all the festivities this week," Cortese said. "I think with the loss, they will focus. I think they realize that to emerge as champions, they have got to play better. They

understand the task at hand."

With last week off, the Tigers have had some extra time to prepare for the Mavericks, as well as heal from nagging injuries.

"It was good to have last week off, we've had a bunch of kids sick with the flu and it gives a chance for a couple of guys to get healed up."

But now the Tigers are ready to get back to action and Saturday they will get their chance. Kickoff for Saturday's Homecoming matchup with the Mavericks is scheduled for 7 p.m.

Tiger tennis
team evens
record to 1-1Chad Simon
Staff Sports Writer

The Fort Hays State University Lady Tiger tennis team evened its season record at 1-1 with an astounding win against Tabor College last weekend.

The Lady Tigers beat Tabor 8-1. Last year Tabor defeated the Lady Tigers 9-0. "We played really good. It was nice to play for the first time in ten days," Brian Flax, head coach, said.

In singles matches, Kelley Roberts defeated Melissa Morris 6-3, 6-1. Ali Moore defeated Jennifer Rigganbach 7-6, 4-7, 6-3. Mandy Flower defeated Eunice Henne 6-3, 6-2. Robin Horan defeated Shannon Unruh 6-1, 6-1. Courtney Olsen defeated Jodi Leibel 6-0, 6-0. Shannon Gottschalk defeated Sarah Boldt 6-2, 6-2 and Kristy Courtois defeated Jodi Seibel 8-4.

In doubles matches, Roberts and Flower lost to Morris and Rigganbach 3-6, 6-1, 6-4. Moore and Horan defeated Henne and Seibel 6-1, 6-0. Olsen and Bailey defeated

On the season, the Lady Tigers have won 12 of 15 singles matches. They are 3 and 3 in doubles matches.

"We're a little behind in doubles, but that doesn't concern me. We'll come together. I put more of an emphasis on single-match play," Flax said.

This weekend, the Lady Tigers will play in the Bethel Tournament. Coach Flax feels that this tournament will be a good measuring stick to see

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Fort Hays State contemplates league change

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To join the Mid Intercollegiate Athletic Association or to stay in the Rocky Mountain Athletic Conference is the question that Fort Hays State President Dr. Edward H. Hammond must answer in the near future.

FHSU is very interested in this exciting possibility," Hammond said. FHSU was contacted in late summer about joining the MIAA.

If FHSU was to join the MIAA, it would bring back old rivals such as Washburn University, Emporia State University and Pittsburg State University. If FHSU leaves the RMAC, then the university would lose the formidable rival—Kearney.

No date has been set as to when FHSU must decide on the offer proposed by the MIAA to join.

Requirements for FHSU to join the MIAA is a one time initiation fee of \$10,000 to \$30,000.

The MIAA has a limit of 99 scholarships awarded to each school. That will be raised to 105 in 1999. Presently FHSU has 106 scholarships and is looking to add up to nine next year with a new softball team.

Another deterrent of joining the MIAA is if they will implement divisional play. As of yet, they do not have divisional play, and the RMAC does. Divisional play cuts down on travel time and is important to

FHSU, according to Hammond.

It would take about two years for FHSU to fulfill contracts with the RMAC teams before it is eligible to join the MIAA. FHSU would like to be considered a full-time member for the next two years in the decision-making processes of the MIAA, while not competing in the league.

The RMAC has a full-time commissioner and the MIAA does not. "The RMAC is better organized and has \$150,000 in corporate sponsorships, whereas the MIAA does not," Gary Garner, FHSU head basketball coach, said.

The MIAA has such basketball powers as Washburn University, Missouri Western State College and Central Missouri State University.

"The RMAC is just as good with the five new teams," Garner said.

As far as recruiting, Garner doesn't think that joining the MIAA would help recruiting, even with the possibility of playing three powerful programs a year.

First year volleyball head coach, Dixie Wescott, feels that joining the MIAA would help the volleyball team with its recruiting. "It could be easier, it would let us get exposure in the eastern part of the state. There are some good players in Lawrence and Kansas City," Wescott said.

"The competition is tough (in the MIAA). Central Missouri State University is rated number one,"

Wescott said.

"I would like to see it (joining the MIAA) very much so," Wescott said. Although Wescott admits that she is biased because she grew up in the MIAA conference and played at Northwest Missouri State University, a member of the MIAA, and she hasn't been in the RMAC long

enough.

"There is competition in both conferences. Kearney, Neb., is number seven. Regis University is number 19 and Colorado Christian is number 23," Wescott said.

The decision to join or not to join is going to be Hammond's. Hammond held a meeting with Tom

Spicer, athletic director, and John Williams, vice-president for administration and finance.

That meeting produced a letter to Emporia State University's president saying that "We (FHSU) are still interested (in joining the MIAA)," Hammond said.

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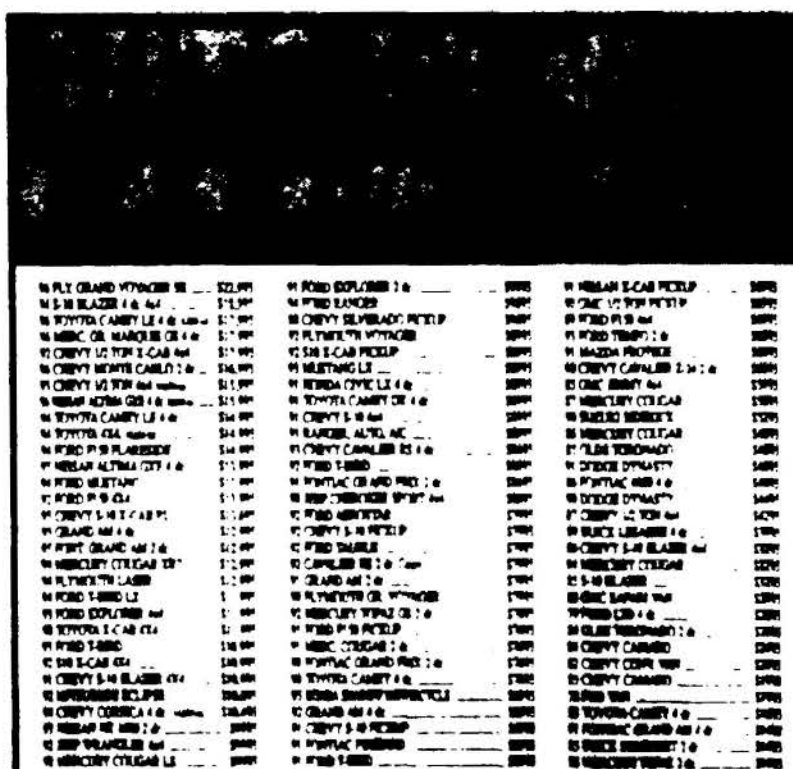
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